

North Bridge, Concord



Autumn is the most popular season lasting from early September until November. The brilliant autumn foliage lasts from September through the end of October. The foliage peaks at different times in different regions. Northern regions generally peak early in the season, with the foliage in the south in full force towards the middle of October. Each region hosts numerous harvest festivals, and Salem hosts Haunted Happenings, the premier Halloween celebration in the U.S. to around 45 degrees. If we are lucky, we are treated to an "Indian Summer." During this time the temperature rises several degrees and for a few weeks it almost feels as if summer has returned.

Bicycle path on Wachusett Mountain



Walden Pond boathouse

## General Fixed Assets Account Group

The General Fixed Assets Account Group accounts for the land, buildings, improvements, equipment and construction in progress of the governmental funds.

Winter, in Massachusetts lasts from December through March. We enjoy the great outdoors - Alpine and cross country skiing, ice fishing and skating on ponds and lakes. Local Holiday celebrations in Boston and Nantucket draw numerous visitors for caroling, wassail and other New England Holiday traditions.

First Night Boston, the original citywide festival of art and culture, is the country's oldest and largest New Year's Eve celebration. On Monday, December 31, 2001 from 1:00 p.m. to midnight, First Night 2002 will present its 26th annual day-long festival of art, music, dance, ice sculpture, fireworks and more. First Night 2002 is an alcohol free event that welcomes children, families and revelers of all ages to celebrate community and unity through art. First Night Boston is 100% wheelchair accessible, and many performances are ASL interpreted. First Night 2002 will include over 1000 artists and 250 performances at over 50 venues throughout the city, at least 4 monumental ice sculpture installations, each utilizing over 30 - 40 tons of ice and incorporating state-of-the-art theatrical lighting, an enormous



Puppets in the grand procession at Boston's First Night

Springfield hosts the Annual Bright Nights at Forest Park, the largest holiday lights display in New England and a holiday tradition for many families in the region.



Bright Lights in Springfield